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From: James Simien, Southwest Louisiana Native American researcher and Chitimacha descendant

I DO NOT ENDORSE the United Houma Nation petitioner (56A) for federal recognition in any past or future form of the federal criteria .

I understand that on July 22 2014 the Parish of Terrebonne located in Louisiana has adopted a resolution to endorse the United Houma Nation tribe, which I'm in disagreement with. I feel that Terrebonne parish based their decision on the fact that the " United Houma Nation" resides in the parish among other things . I agree with the Office of Federal Acknowledgment proposed findings against the United Houma Nation.

Through my many years of Southwest Louisiana Native American research I have a complete and documented understanding of the present day Louisiana tribes and how they link historically. The United Houma Nation to present day still has not provided any documented historical tribal link or hard copy documents proving such. I'm not disputing they are not Native American but proving your historical decent is one mandatory part of the criteria that must be satisfied in order to establish a government relationship. The United Houma nation should not be given another chance to re-petition the OFA for a third shot at Federal Acknowledgement while other Southwest Louisiana tribes are more deserving and have documented their respective historical tribes.

My research is dedicated to my ancestors and the for the truth to be exposed..

Sincerely,

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